Revising the National Health Policy

681. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from any forum for revising the National Health Policy;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations or proposals received in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction and what decision has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Report of the Independent Commission on Health in India, constituted by the Voluntary Health Association of India, has recommended revision of the National Health Policy in the light of significant epidemiological, socio-economic and demographic changes in the country.

(c) The exercise for revision of the National Health Policy has been initiated. Suggestions received from various quarters will be taken into account while formulating the Revised National health Policy.

Selection of Students for BHMS by Andaman Government

682. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the Andaman Government selecting students to study BHMS an merit basis when there are no vacancies for medical officers in Andamans;

(b) whether these students have to sign surety bonds for serving for minimum two years, after passing BHMS;

(c) the reasons for not giving Government jobs to these students; and

(d) the steps being taken to fill the vacant posts of Homoeopathic Doctors in Andamans immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Infant Mortality Rate

683. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the infant mortality rate in the country; and

(b) the steps taken to further reduce the infant mortality rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) As per the Sample Registration System the Infant Mortality Rate in 1997 was estimated to be 71 per thousand live births (provisional).

(b) Immunization against six vaccing preventable diseases, the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, appropriate management of cases of acute respiratory infections and diarrhoea, essential newborn care and prophylaxis against vitamin-A deficiency are being implemented to further reduce the infant mortality rate.

प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों तथा सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के लिए धनराशि

684. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान देश के प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों तथा सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के लिए कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई,

(ख) इस प्रयोजनार्थ नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कितनी धनराशि दिये जाने की संभावना है, और

(ग) 1997 तक देश में कितने प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र कार्य कर रहे थे तथा तत्संबंधी राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एजिलमलाई): (क) प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों और सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों की स्थापना एवं रख रखाव राज्य क्षेत्र के न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम/ बुनियादी न्यूनतम सेवा कार्यक्रम के अधीन की जाती है। न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम बुनियादी न्यूनतम सेवा कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत आठवीं योजना का परिव्यय संलग्न विवरण-I में दिया गया है। (**नीचे देखिए**)।

(ख) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना परिव्यय को अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है।